

Dear Legislators,

Please support HB 5372 An act concerning dyslexia instruction offered in teacher preparation programs.

My name is Katie Dwelly and my son has dyslexia. We have been paying for a tutor out of pocket since he was 6. He is now 9 and in 4th grade. Teachers in my district have limited opportunity to get the education/training needed to help my child and others that struggle with reading and writing due to dyslexia (a learning disability that affects 1 in 5 people with average IQ)

The benefits of this bill strengthens the previous dyslexia legislation that is already been put in place. We need our teachers to get the appropriate education at every level, especially, higher education. Teachers need to come into our districts prepared to evaluate and provide correct instruction to students who have dyslexia. Limited school budgets often don't allow teachers to get the training they want to help dyslexic students. Most districts, including mine, have only one teacher certified in the correct instruction to help these students. The ability to read at grade level is well documented as a marker for future success. This bill would help to get teachers prepared at the higher education level and take some of the cost burden off of districts and families.

Thank you for taking the time to read this!
Katie Dwelly